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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT NYERERE TO THE US

REF: DAR 1499 (BEING RPTD LUSAKA)

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT INVITATION TO NYERERE TO VISIT
US THIS YEAR IS A GOOD IDEA. IN FACT, NYERERE WAS AT
THE TOP OF AF'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS
THIS SUMMER AND HE HAS BEEN FORMALLY PROPOSED BY THE
DEPARTMENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR AN EARLY AUGUST VISIT.

AT THIS ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARATIONS OF THE
PRESIDENT'S SUMMER SCHEDULE A JUNE VISIT WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE .
IN ANY EVENT, DEPTOFF CONTACTED
HARVARD AUTHORITIES WHO ADVISED THAT NO AFRICAN CHIEF OF
STATE IS ON LIST TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE THIS YEAR AND
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AT THIS LATE DATE NONE LIKELY TO BE ADDED.

2. ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA AGREED TO ACCEPT AN HONORARY
DEGREE FROM YALE THIS YEAR AFTER SEEKING AND RECEIVING
ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROCEED FROM NEW
HAVEN TO WASHINGTON TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. CONSEQUENTLY,
KAUNDA WILL BE AT NEW HAVEN ON MAY 16 AND, FOLLOWING

AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA, WILL HAVE A WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON MAY 20. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT POSSIBILITY OF INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN PROTOCOL LEVEL OF KAUNDA'S "WORKING" AND NYERERE'S "OFFICIAL" VISITS WILL BE REDUCED BY FACT NYERERE IS THE SENIOR OF THE TWO AND BY FACT KAUNDA WILL BE RECIPIENT OF BOTH PRIVATE HONOR AND OFFICIAL RECEPTION. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE HIGHER LEVEL OF OFFICIAL ATTENTION PAID TO NYERERE WILL MAKE UP FOR ANY RESENTMENT OVER FACT HE IS NOT BEING OFFERED AN ACADEMIC HONOR WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HIS PREVIOUS PROFESSION AS A TEACHER AND HIS CURRENT TITLE OF "MWALIMU".

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADORS' COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING.
CHRISTOPHER

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